Request for Information

CRITTENDEN COUNTY OZONE ADVANCE PROGRAM PATH FORWARD PLAN

Deadline for Submissions September 25, 2017

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I. Statement of Purpose

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) issues this request for information (RFI) to solicit input on actions and measures to include in the State's Crittenden County Ozone Advance Path Forward plan. The Ozone Advance Program is a collaborative effort among the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), states, local governments, businesses, and industry.

Information received in response to the RFI will inform the State's Crittenden County Ozone Advance Path Forward plan.

II. Background

The goal of the program is to reduce ground-level ozone and ozone precursors as a way of helping participating areas continue to meet the national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for ozone. This is accomplished by encouraging a proactive approach at the State and local level, with the aid of the Advance Program, to help ensure that local air quality remains healthy. The EPA provides technical assistance and other support to State and local governments administering an Ozone Advance program.

III. Request for Information

The RFI is intended to provide the State with enough information to develop voluntary actions to implement in Crittenden County to reduce ozone concentrations. The Crittenden County Ozone Advance Path Forward plan submittal will contain those actions and will be used to guide implementation of specific projects.

ADEQ solicits comments on what existing programs should be utilized and what new programs should be developed as part of the Ozone Advance Path Forward plan for Crittenden County.

In order to guide comments, the ADEQ included with this RFI a draft Ozone Advance Path Forward plan that could be used to achieve the goals of the Ozone Advance program.

IV. Submissions

Information responsive to this RFI should be sent to:

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